



EASTERN SIERRA CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) MEETING

June 12, 2023, 1:00-2:30 PM

Inyo County Health and Human Services

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AGENDA

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1.0 Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

Board Members Present: Jennifer Kreitz, Marilyn Mann, Anna Scott, Amanda Greenberg, and Patricia Robertson **Absent:** Kathy Peterson and Nichole Williamson

Community Partners Present: Melissa Best-Baer, Heidi Dougherty, M. Gonzales, April Powell, Erin Dobyns, Isaura Ocampo, Kimberly Ryan (Stanislaus Regional Housing), Kris Kuntz, Marissa Black (Stanislaus Regional Housing), N. Kumar, Olya Egorov, Rebecca Samaha, Sean Miragliotta, Stefanie Jackson (OVCDC), Vanessa Ruggio, and V. Haren (VHARENFrakiK)

2.0 Public Comment: This time is set aside to receive public comment on matters not calendared on the agenda.

No public comment

3.0 Approval of Minutes (Action Item): Review and consider approval of draft minutes from May 8, 2023 Ms. Mann made a motion to approve the minutes from May 8, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Scott. Motion passed with following votes: Ms. Mann – Aye; Ms. Scott – Aye; Ms. Robertson – Aye; Ms. Greenberg – Aye; and Ms. Kreitz – Abstain

4.0 Selection of Officers (Action Item): Accept nominations and consider approving Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary Ms. Kreitz made a motion to appoint Anna Scott as Chair, Patricia Robertson as Vice-Chair, and Amanda Greenberg as the Secretary. Ms. Mann seconded the motion. Motion passed with following votes: Ms. Mann – Aye; Ms. Scott – Aye; Ms. Robertson – Aye; Ms. Greenberg – Aye; and Ms. Kreitz – Aye

5.0 Approval of CoC Board Application (Action Item): Review and consider approval of CoC Board application for Kris Kuntz, Anthem Blue Cross, Program Director Housing and Homeless Strategy Ms. Kreitz makes motion to approve Kris Kuntz to the ESCoC Board. Motion seconded by Ms. Mann. Motion passed with following votes: Ms. Mann – Aye; Ms. Scott – Aye; Ms. Robertson – Aye; Ms. Greenberg – Aye; and Ms. Kreitz – Aye

6.0 HIC/PIT Count Submission (Discussion Item):

1. Receive update on 2023 HIC/PIT data validation – Our PIT numbers were submitted – they were lower than pre-pandemic and the most recent PIT. We are currently working with our



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consultant to validate the numbers given the percentage of decline. Discussed the challenges for Alpine to conduct in January given the geography and weather. Alpine's stated intent to not participate in January and to do a summer count instead raised the issue that there is funding available to support this and while it is not recognized by HUD, it could provide some information that would better inform strategies and planning. Ms. Greenberg suggested waiting to do this in summer of 2024. This allows for better planning and the decision to do so would also be informed by Thurmond Consulting regarding the impact this would have on funding streams (e.g. would it negatively impact us if numbers are higher). Discussion around having more information on pros/cons of having a summer-based count.

2. Discuss possibility of adding summer PIT count (re-establish HIC/PIT subcommittee) – See number 1 above. Table until after we have more information and get feedback from Alpine regarding how their count went – challenges and benefits

- 7.0 **ESCoC Board Retreat (Informational Item):** Review 5.31.23 ESCoC Governing Board retreat May 31, 2023, the Board (with the exception of Ms. Williamson) met with Thurmond Consulting to help the consulting firm better understand the CoC and the challenges, as well as identify the CoC vision. Discussed a number of issues, including data needs, data tools, working through making sure that the data tool used is meeting requirements for prioritization, looking at benefits of Summer HIC/PIT Count, and establishing a quarterly HMIS meeting sub-committee.
- 8.0 **HHAP 1, 2 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 1 and Round 2 funds
 1. Obligation Certification for HHAP 2 submitted May 30, 2023
Last month the Board approved a revised budget for HHAP 1 and HHAP 2 to recognize how funding will be used by the Round of funding. Ms. Mann provided an update regarding the status of the contract. Inyo County Board of Supervisors approved the final amendment to the State's agreement with IMACA, adding Inyo County as a second Contractor.
- 9.0 **HHAP 3 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 3 funding –
Ms. Scott provided an update on both 3 and 4 rounds of HHAP. No expenditures at this time.
- 10.0 **HHAP 4 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 4 funding
Ms. Scott provided an update that the HHAP 4 agreement was approved by Inyo BOS on 6/6 and the signed agreement has been returned to Cal ICH. No expenditures to report.
- 11.0 **Collaborative Applicant Planning Grants (Informational Item):** Receive an update regarding 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 planning grants
No expenditures to report. Inyo has received 20-21 planning grant and is working on arrangements to transfer the funds from HUD. Inyo also received notification that IMACA intends to transfer the 2019 and 2020 planning grants to Inyo. Inyo has requested clarification from HUD to confirm that costs incurred during FY 21/22 and FY 22/23 can be applied to these earlier planning grants. Once confirmed, Inyo will sign the transfer agreement.



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12.0 Governance Charter Workgroup (Informational Item): Update on annual Governance Charter revisions

Working with HUD Consultants (Abt Associates) to update the Governance Charter, as well as working with Thurmond Consulting to fine tune to our CoC. Hope to bring this to the Board later this summer and thereafter will review annually as required.

13.0 HHIP Implementation (Informational Item): Receive update on HHIP implementation with Managed Medi-Cal Plans

Working with both Health Plans to coordinate on the regional funding available to support CoC programming/administration. The agreements are on the calendar for the June 27, 2023, Inyo Board of Supervisors meeting. Both health plans have new dollars they want to put back into the community. Mr. Kuntz reported that the items going to the Board are initial investments and health plans want to look at how and what resources will best support the communities.

14.0 HMIS/CES Update (Discussion Item): Receive an update on HMIS and CES agreements and access for partner agencies

Reported last meeting that our staff person who was taking a lead on the HMIS had taken a new position outside the County and we will be recruiting to replace.

1. Establish subcommittee to work on HMIS functionality and documents
Discussion regarding identifying subcommittee. Ms. Robertson recommended her two housing navigators as being willing to participate as end users of the system. Ms. Robertson and Ms. Greenberg indicated a willingness to participate, as did Ms. Samaha from Anthem. Inyo County will identify a designated person from the perspective of the HMIS lead agency.

Subcommittee will work to envision the set-up of the HMIS so we can have a meaningful conversation with Bell to develop it out. This group will also discuss how to combine the universal descriptive elements for HUD (SVPEDAT) and the assessment that ChangeWell developed. CoC will need to use system funding from HHAP to pay Bell Data systems to build out the assessment and the projects.

15.0 Roundtable

Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority introduced themselves and indicated that they had an MOU with IMACA for services such as EHV (Emergency Housing Voucher) vouchers. They have a lot of vouchers (100 or so) that can be administered. Need to set up a separate meeting to identify partner(s) to help with administration. Stanislaus also looking for a local resource to do the housing inspections for the long-term vouchers. Request they provide an overview of services at future meeting.

Ms. Kreitz received a request from Supervisor Griffiths from Inyo County for CoC support of



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CSAC's AT HOME initiative. Discussion ensued and there is general support of the letter and Inyo will draft and send out for review prior to sending out and will bring it back to the next meeting for ratification. Ms. Robertson reported that Mammoth Lakes Housing has voted to accept the rebranding of their agency to Eastern Sierra Housing– 5-year strategic plan update to incorporate any new goals and solutions.

16.0 Future Agenda Items

1. Accounting of Collaborative Applicant planning grants (2019-present)
2. Accounting of HHAP funds expended (Rounds 1-4)
3. Update on ESCoC Board Vacancies – pending updated Governance Charter
4. Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority

17.0 Next meeting – July 10, 2023 @ 1pm

18.0 Adjournment